Services Negotiations at WTO

*56. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has submitted its revised offers or going to submit the same in the services negotiations at the WTO where initial offers were made in 2003; and

(b) what is the flexibility that the Ministry is thinking that it has to move forward in services negotiations which will help India in the forthcoming meeting of WTO?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) India will be submitting its Revised Offer on services to the WTO shortly.

(b) The Services Negotiations move forward on a request-offer basis by all members of the WTO. While it is expected that other countries would respond favourably to our requests of increased market access, especially in Modes 1 & 4 in various sectors of importance to India, India has already autonomously liberalized in various sectors, and this provides the necessary flexibility to move the negotiations forward.

Recommendations of Review Committee on POTA

*57. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Review Committee on POTA has submitted a report on POTA accused in Godhra incident;

(b) what are the recommendations of this Committee; and

(c) what action has been taken to implement this report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The Central POTA Review headed by Justice (Retd.) S.C. Jain has reviewed the cases of each accused chargesheeted under the provisions of POTA in connection with Godhra train incident and submitted its opinion on 17th May, 2005.